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Title: Need to increase the frequency of direct trains running between Puri and Paradip in Odisha.

DR. KULMANI SAMAL (JAGATSINGHPUR): Paradip port, one of the major seaports of the country, is situated in Jagatsinghpur Parliamentary Constituency of Odisha and this Constituency is comprised of parts of three districts viz. Puri, Cuttack and Jagatsinghpur. Since the day Paradip Port was declared as a major port, the adjacent area has become an industrial hub. In the course of time various industrial establishments have been established in this region thereby attracting skilled as well as unskilled workers of the nearby areas and states. People of my own constituency from Puri district who are employed in Paradip Port and in other companies/industries of Paradip face a lot of problems to commute from Puri to their respective working places at Paradip. Simultaneously, a good number of people from Paradip and its nearby areas visit Puri frequently because of its pilgrimage and tourism importance. Since most of the people of Jagatsinghpur and Puri use train to reach their respective destinations comfortably and in time, the preference to commute by train has been increased manifold over the period of time. But it is a matter of concern that one and only direct train running between Paradip and Puri is leaving Paradip at evening and the same train is leaving Puri to reach Paradip the next day morning thereby causing difficulties especially for the daily passengers from Paradip to Puri. Hence, I would like to draw the attention of Hon'ble Minister of Railways to enhance the frequency of direct trains between Puri and Paradip on daily basis in order to address the difficulties of the daily commuters from both the end.